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BONNIE COFFEY ELECTED TO NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Local director serves on national board for women's commissions.

Bonnie Coffey, Director of Lincoln Lancaster Women's Commission has been elected secretary of the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW). A past member of the national board for her second two-year term, Bonnie will serve for two years as secretary. NACW is a nonpartisan membership organization composed of regional, state, county and local commissions created by government to improve the status of women.

The elections were held at the national NACW convention in Wilmington, Delaware. At the convention Lincoln Lancaster Women's Commission (LLWC) received a large number of complimentary comments on the work LLWC has produced, including the "Women's Voices 2003" report, the Commission Quarterly newsletter and the LLWC web site. Some cited the website as a source for other commissions who were in the process of developing their own websites, and the "Women's Voices 2003" project was one of seven submitted for the NACW 2003 "Outstanding Achievement Award." The award was presented to the Rhode Island Commission on Women for their Legal Rights Handbook.

Other officers elected at the July conference for the 2003/04 year included: President, Ruth Jackson of the Utah Governor's Commission for Women & Families; Vice President, Agnes Roseboro, Greensboro (NC) Commission on the Status of Women; and Donna Kreiser, Esq. with the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.

New directors elected were: Lorraine Dominguez (New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women); Brenda Fowler (Richmond [VA] Mayor's Commission for Women; Maria Hernandez (City of Austin [TX] Commission for Women); Gini Hyman (Sarasota [FL] Commission for Women); Carol Reed (North Dakota Commission on the Status of Women); and Linda Richardson Wilson (Greensboro [NC] Commission on the Status of Women).

They join current Directors: Ossie Clay (Maryland Commission for women); Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker (Erie County [NY] Commission on the Status of Women); Barbara DeBaptiste (Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women); Barbara Albu Lehman (New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women); Dr. Eva Marie Mika (Cook County [IL] Commission for Women); Juanita Miles (San Francisco [CA] Commission on the Status of Women); Robin Stultz (West Virginia Commission for Women); and Carol Walker (Utah Governor's Commission for Women and Families).